

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 33 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The operating vent lines 22, 24 and 26 extend within the fuel tank to a central penetration location 30. Because of the float valves 28, the operating vent lines may have sections which extend below the maximum fill level of the fuel in the tank. At the central penetration location, the tank 10 has an opening in which the float valve 18 is mounted. The float valve 18 includes a float member 20 and also an operating vent chamber, to which the operating vent lines 22, 24, and 26 are connected and which is also in communication with the fill vent line 16. In this way, an excess pressure formed in the expansion volumes can be released by way of the operating vent lines 22, 24, and 26 to the fill vent line 16 and to a compensation container ~~32~~ 31 and from there to an activated carbon filter 34.